

KAHN HAS NO FEAR OF JAPANESE WAR

Tells House Military Preparedness by America Will Prevent Hostilities

SCORES TOKIO AGITATORS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 9.—Discussing the Japanese question freely and frankly in a carefully prepared address delivered today in the House, Representative Kahn, of California, chairman of the military affairs committee, declared that America hoped always to avoid war and that if "the statesmen, the publicists, the politicians, the agitators and the demagogues of Japan really wanted war with the United States they would be the ones to bring it on and not the Americans."
Mr. Kahn said he knew that he voiced "the earnest hope and wish of every patriotic American that peace between the two countries may continue permanently."
"But the world," he said, "has not recently learned that we are not too proud to fight; nor are we afraid to fight when we are forced into war."
The military affairs committee chairman took occasion to reaffirm his belief that a universal military training policy would best safeguard the country, and added:
"I have no fear that there will be war between Japan and the United States in my lifetime, nor even the lifetime of my sons. And I am thoroughly satisfied that if any country remains measurably prepared there will be no difficulty between the two nations at any time."

Defends Immigration Bars
Mr. Kahn briefly reviewed the history of the relations between the United States and Japan, and with regard to the Japanese immigration problem in California, now the subject of treaty negotiations between the two governments, said students of international law everywhere had recognized the "absolute right" of any nation to regulate immigration as it deemed best. Even Japanese students were familiar with universally accepted decisions on this point, he said, and added:
"It is therefore most unfortunate that a constant agitation regarding these matters is maintained by our neighbor across the Pacific, because the final effect of such propaganda and the final result undoubtedly is to instill a pronounced hatred of America and Americans among the masses in Japan."
"This is a decidedly unfortunate condition of affairs. Indeed, I say it is a most serious condition—a condition that may result, unfortunately, in grave difficulties between two heretofore friendly nations."
The speaker said "many public officials in Japan," as well as political agitators, had "tried to make the world believe" that opposition to the immigration of Japanese laborers into the United States was "based upon racial prejudice."
"Denies Racial Prejudice"
"We of the Pacific coast deny that this is the case," he declared. "No objection has ever been made to the admission into this country of Japanese professional men, of Japanese financiers, or Japanese religious teachers or leaders or bona fide Japanese merchants or Japanese students or Japanese travelers. The sole objection is to the laboring classes."
"Whether the undesirable be farmer laborers, skilled mechanics, or unskilled coolies, I contend that the objection is purely an economic one. Japan herself is doing to the laborers of China and Korea what she claims is racial hate or prejudice when done by us to Japanese laborers."
Representative Kahn called attention to newspaper dispatches quoting Count Okuma, head of the Japanese peace society, as having said that if the United States restricts immigration by statute instead of by voluntary action of Japan, the latter rather than "suffer such prejudice to her prestige must resort to force."
"Surely," Mr. Kahn said, "the head of the peace society of Japan does not advocate the taking up of arms against the United States as indicated in the newspaper articles."
Political Demagogues in Japan
From his reading of Japanese history Representative Kahn said he was sometimes inclined to believe that "there are many more political agitators and demagogues on the other side of the Pacific than we can possibly find in our own country."
"Happily," he continued, "we in America are not worked into a frenzy of excitement by purely political happenings."
Mr. Kahn recalled the recent incident at Tsin Tsin, where American soldiers had been found in the Japanese police station by the American consul general wounded and beaten when "the Japanese officers denied any knowledge" of their whereabouts. This incident, he continued, was in a fair way of amicable adjustment between the governments, adding:
"The American people have never become excited over the affair. You hear no threat of war on the part of the American statesmen, politicians or even demagogues."
Publicists and authors reported, the California representative said, that Japan was "making every effort to unite the yellow races; that Japan under such a program hopes and expects to be the leader of such a race amalgamation; that she is striving in every way to acquire and maintain the hegemony of the yellow nations."

RAILROADS EAGER TO BETTER SERVICE

Efficiency of Telephone System Aim of Managers, Willard Tells Engineers

MOTORTRUCKS DEFENDED

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 9.—Transportation was the topic of today's session of the forty-first annual convention of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
The speakers included Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; General Frank T. Hines, vice president of the Baltic Steamship Corporation of America; Charles A. Morse, chief engineer of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad; and Frank W. Davis, engineer for the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.
Terminal problems were dealt with at the afternoon session by Colonel William Barclay Parsons, consulting engineer, New York city, and Gustave Lindenthal, builder of the Hell Gate bridge.
Mr. Willard, recalling that the late Theodore N. Vail once expressed to him an ambition to have a telephone in every American home and pointing out that Mr. Vail nearly, if not quite, lived to see the realization of his ideal, said:
"I think there should be an intelligent effort to develop all agencies of transportation, each within its own sphere, but also co-ordinated as to constitute a nation-wide system which would approximate in its effectiveness the efficiency of the telephone system."
Mr. Willard said that, whatever might have been the attitude of railway managers in the past regarding the development of other means of transportation which might compete with them, he was certain that now they would be "glad, collectively or individually, to co-operate with all other transportation agencies in such a way, as to insure the greatest public good."
Mr. Davis made a plea for "sound and uniform" state laws governing the use of motortrucks. Replying to the charge that motor transportation is subsidized by public funds spent in maintaining highways, while the railways have no such aid, as pointed out that motor vehicles, unlike waterways, are contributing millions of dollars annually in the form of license fees.



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